



Puget Sound Research Conference

One goal of the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team is to communicate research results related to the Puget Sound environment and the management of the Sound's resources. The Puget Sound Research Conference is the Action Team's largest and most visible effort to meet this goal.

With support from a number of co-sponsors, the Action Team and its predecessor, the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority, convened research conferences in 1988, 1991, 1995 and 1998.

Puget Sound Research 2001

The fifth Puget Sound Research Conference will be held on February 12 to 14, 2001 at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, Washington.

Action Team staff and an advisory committee will begin to design the conference's technical program in spring 2000. Please watch for a Call for Papers in early summer and registration materials in the fall.

To obtain additional information about the conference, you can visit the Action Team's website at www.wa.gov/puget_sound or contact the Action Team's support staff by telephone at (800) 54-SOUND or (360) 407-7300 or by e-mail at sredman@psat.wa.gov.



The 1998 Conference

In March 1998, the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team and 34 co-sponsors (including government agencies and private companies), convened 600 people at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle, Washington for the most recent Puget Sound research conference. Attendees included technical and managerial staff from federal, state, local and tribal agencies and non-governmental organizations; research scientists from academia and the consulting industry; and students.

The conference began with keynote presentations on salmonid listings under the Endangered Species Act and a discussion of coordinated monitoring and research in Puget Sound and the Georgia Basin. Other presentations included an informal "wrap-up" session that addressed the history and progression of scientific issues confronting Puget Sound and a presentation on the problem of exotic species on the Pacific Coast.

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Much of the conference program was devoted to concurrent sessions of technical presentations. More than 100 presentations were delivered in 21 concurrent sessions. The majority of papers were selected from among those submitted in response to a Call for Papers. Selected papers and a number of invited papers were organized into the following sessions:

- The Watersheds Upstream
- Nutrient Issues in Puget Sound and Budd Inlet
- Puget Sound Seafood-The Human Health Link
- The Physical Sound
- Toxic Contaminants
- Aquatic Plants and Algae
- Management of Nearshore Habitats
- Urban Influences on Water Quality-Elliott Bay and Duwamish
- Estuary Monitoring and Assessment
- Abundance and Distribution of Fish and Invertebrates
- Studying the Nearshore
- Sediment Evaluation and Cleanup
- Plankton and Nutrients
- Watersheds and Water Quality
- Toxic Effects
- Marine Biological Communities
- Protection of Marine Habitats



Approximately 60 poster presentations were available for viewing throughout the conference, especially during an evening reception and the lunch break on the conference's second day.

Proceedings have been published and are available in the publications section of the Action Team's website: www.wa.gov/puget_sound. Paper copies of the proceedings were provided upon request to people who paid the cost of reproduction and mailing.

Co-Sponsors

The Puget Sound Research Conference is made possible by the generous support of co-sponsors and the registration fees paid by attendees. Funding from co-sponsors is essential to keep registration fees to a reasonable level. For the 1998 conference, 34 co-sponsors provided more than \$90,000, which covered nearly 70 percent of conference costs. If you are interested in providing co-sponsorship support for Puget Sound Research 2001, please contact Scott Redman of the Action Team support staff at (360) 407-7315 or sredman@psat.wa.gov.

For more information, check out the complete text of the Puget Sound plan, additional fact sheets about the update process, and information about the Action Team at www.wa.gov/puget_sound or call the Action Team at (360) 407-7300 or 1 (800) 54-SOUND. If you need these materials in an alternative format, call our TDD number 1-800-833-6388.

